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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on September 10, 2002, please consider the remarks that follow.

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 6-16, 20, and 25-33 remain pending in this application.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 6-16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over United States Patent No. 5,774,668 to *Choquier et al.* ("Choquier"). Claim 25 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 26-33 are allowed.

Choquier

Choquier is directed to an on-line services network that includes replicated application servers and Gateway microcomputers that are interconnected by a LAN. The Gateway microcomputers receive service requests from client microcomputers operated by end users. See Figure 1. "The Gateway microcomputers serve as intermediaries between the client